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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90 Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest

Dear Ms. Dortch:

StarTouch Broadband Services operates a Microwave backbone and last-mile fixed wireless Internet service in roughly 19 counties located in Washington State. Our coverage areas span urban, rural, and numerous agricultural areas where population density can be less than 1 home per square mile. While Fiber Optic services can provide connectivity, last-mile fixed Wireless cannot be matched for its low cost to deploy and quick turn-around, ultimately deploying broadband to underserved areas much faster. Some rural areas cannot economically justify bringing Fiber in, and a Wireless company is a perfect alternative.

We offer Wireless service starting as low as 1Mbps and can achieve Gigabit capacity. Over the last few years our network has expanded to many locations helping government, tribal, business, educational, and residential areas that previously had no other options due to the prohibitive cost of Fiber or other comparable Broadband, and the overall topography. If chosen to participate in the FCC experiment, we would build out to many customers in unserved or remote areas so desperately looking for broadband service.

StarTouch proposes to offer broadband Internet services as part of the Rural Broadband Experiments in the census tracts located in; Adams, Benton, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend, Skagit, Spokane, Stevens, Whatcom, Whitman, and Yakima Counties. We currently offer services in these counties, but would need assistance to expand our markets and provide cost effective services to those looking for Broadband connectivity.

Tract Numbers: 53001, 53005, 53013, 53019, 53021, 53023, 53025, 53029, 53035, 53037, 53043, 53047, 53051, 53055, 53057, 53061, 53063, 53065, 53071, 53073, 53075, 53077.

Based on this letter, please accept this as an expression of interest on Rural Broadband Experiment WC Docket #10-90.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Scheffer", is written over the typed name and title.

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